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OBITUARY.

ROBERT HENRY HARLAND.

We regret to announce the death, on November 25, of Robert Henry Harland, F.I.C., of 37, Lombard Street, London, E.C. Mr. Harland was educated at the City of London School, in the laboratory of which he acquired his taste for practical chemistry and physics. He subsequently became a pupil of the late G. W. Wigner, one of the founders and one of the first honorary secretaries of the Society of Public Analysts, of which Society Mr. Harland was one of the original associates, and afterwards served on the Council. After having been for some years in Wigner's laboratory, he went out to take the chemical control of a sugar refinery in the East Indies, afterwards returning to England and entering into partnership with Wigner, whose practice he continued to carry on from the time of Wigner's death, in 1884, until his own premature death, which occurred through heart failure under an anæsthetic administered for the purpose of a comparatively simple surgical operation. Either singly or in conjunction with Wigner he made several contributions to the earlier numbers of the Analyst, including papers on "The Manufacture of Sugar from Maize," "The Manufacture of Sugar from the Sugar-Cane," "The Action of Permanganate on Potable Waters at Different Temperatures," "The Composition of Commercial Samples of White Lead," and "The Composition of the Gases evolved in White Lead Stacks during the Corrosion of Metallic Lead." He always continued the early interest he had acquired in food analysis, and at the time of his death was Public Analyst for the Metropolitan Boroughs of Deptford and Greenwich, although in recent years a good deal of his attention had been directed to questions relating to mining and metallurgy.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS AND OTHER ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS.

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THE monthly ordinary meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday evening, December 2, in the Chemical Society's Rooms, Burlington House. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Mr. John White, F.I.C., Vice-President.

The minutes of the previous ordinary meeting were read and confirmed.

Certificates of proposal for election to membership in favour of Messrs. F. J. Bolt, F.I.C., L. Clement, A.I.C., S. H. Davies, M.Sc., A. G. Harrington, A.I.C., E. J. Parry, B.Sc., F.I.C., M. E. Rudolf, and R. L. Smith, were read for the second time; and certificates in favour of Messrs. George Nevill Huntly, B.Sc. (Lond.), A.R.C.Sc., F.I.C., 96, Gower Street, London, W.C., analytical and consulting chemist, gas examiner to the London County Council and to the Corporation of Richmond, Surrey; Samuel Judd Lewis, B.Sc. (Lond.), A.I.C., 122, Newington Causeway, London, S.E., analytical and consulting chemist; and William Henry Willcox, M.D., B.Sc. (Lond.), D.P.H., M.R.C.P., F.I.C., 43, Queen Anne Street, London, W., Senior Scientific Analyst to the Home Office, Lecturer on Pathological and Toxicological Chemistry at St. Mary's Hospital, W., were read for the first time.

Sir William Ramsay, K.C.B., F.R.S., and Dr. F. Gowland Hopkins, M.A., F.R.S., were elected honorary members of the Society; and Messrs. P. Murphy, A.I.C., and W. Rintoul, F.I.C., were elected members.

The CHAIRMAN read the Council's nominations of Officers and Council for 1909, as follows:

President.—R. R. Tatlock, F.I.C.

Past-Presidents (*limited by the Society's Articles to eight in number*).—M. A. Adams, F.R.C.S., F.I.C.; E. J. Bevan, F.I.C.; Bernard Dyer, D.Sc., F.I.C.; Thomas Fairley, F.I.C.; W. W. Fisher, M.A., F.I.C.; Otto Hehner, F.I.C.; J. Augustus Voelcker, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.C.

Vice-Presidents.—Bertram Blount, F.I.C.; Cecil H. Cribb, B.Sc., F.I.C.; H. Droop Richmond, F.I.C.

Hon. Treasurer.—E. W. Voelcker, A.R.S.M., F.I.C.

Hon Secretaries.—Alfred Chaston Chapman, F.I.C.; P. A. Ellis Richards, F.I.C.

Other Members of Council.—W. J. A. Butterfield, M.A., F.I.C.; H. C. H. Candy, B.A., B.Sc., F.I.C.; Harold G. Colman, M.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.C.; Arthur E. Ekins, F.I.C.; John Golding, F.I.C.; Arthur R. Ling, F.I.C.; L. Myddelton Nash, F.I.C.; James Nimmo, F.I.C.; F. W. Richardson, F.I.C.; F. G. Ruddock, F.I.C.; G. E. Scott-Smith, F.I.C.; Clarence A. Seyler, B.Sc., F.I.C.

Messrs. E. Hinks, B.Sc., F.I.C., and E. R. Bolton were appointed auditors of the Society's accounts for the year 1909.

The following papers were read: "The Gravimetric Estimation of Antimony and Tin," by Edward Cahen, A.R.C.S., A.I.C., and Gilbert T. Morgan, D.Sc., F.I.C.; "The Oil from *Carapa guyanensis*," by J. Lewkowitsch, M.A., Ph.D., F.I.C.;

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"The Detection and Estimation of Formaldehyde in Milk," by Herbert S. Shrewsbury, F.I.C., and Arthur W. Knapp, B.Sc., F.I.C: "The Determination of Aldehydes in Oil of Lemon," by A. H. Bennett; and "Some Analyses of Cream Cheese," by Cecil H. Cribb, B.Sc., F.I.C.

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